

*York County Department of Fire & Life Safety*

# CERT NEIGHBORHOOD RECOGNITION PROGRAM



## About the Program

The York County Department of Fire & Life Safety's CERT Neighborhood Recognition Program is designed to encourage overall community preparedness in order for residents, businesses, neighborhoods, specific geographic areas, communities, and the County as a whole to effectively deal with the affects of a major emergency and/or disaster. It further provides well-deserved recognition to neighborhoods that have devoted significant time and effort towards an overall disaster preparedness program.

Once a specific neighborhood qualifies, a set of custom-made recognition signs will be provided for display at the major entrance(s) to the neighborhood. These signs will identify that the specific neighborhood has completed the requirements to better prepare themselves for dealing with major emergencies and/or

## How to Qualify

In order to qualify for this prestigious recognition, a neighborhood needs to meet the following criteria:

- Have at least ten adult residents complete the York County Department of Fire & Life Safety's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Program.
- Develop a neighborhood disaster preparedness plan (in conjunction with the York County Department of Fire & Life Safety's Office of Emergency Management).
- Coordinate with Fire & Life Safety to schedule and conduct ongoing refresher training and/or preparedness drills to maintain and exercise the plan.
- Identify a neighborhood CERT/emergency management liaison
- Recruit additional residents of the neighborhood for CERT training

## How to Apply

The process to apply for neighborhood recognition is quite simple.

1. Designate a neighborhood representative (i.e., homeowner association president, representative and/or other designee)
2. The representative should contact the York County Department of Fire & Life Safety's Office of Emergency Management
3. At the point all program requirements are met, the Office of Emergency Management will coordinate with the neighborhood for presentation and/or installation of the custom recognition sign(s)

## Contact Information

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